

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Michael K. MACKAY et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 2131
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Application No. 09/653,517	)	Examiner: Shin-Hon CHEN
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Filed: August 31, 2000	)	Confirmation No.: 4624
	)	
For: DATA PROTECTION SYSTEMS	)	
AND METHODS	)	

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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE**

In connection with the Request for Continuation Examination filed herewith,  
please amend the above-identified application as set forth below and consider the  
following remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.